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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/713,224	KOPITZKE ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	DENNIS G. BONSHOCK	2173	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the Applicant's Amendment filed on 3-3-2008 and the Examiner's Amendment of 5-9-2008.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/871,032.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edwin Garlepp on 5-9-2008.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

Please replace Claim 1 with

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Claim 1: A method of monitoring and controlling a plurality of aircraft cabin systems using a user interface having a touch sensitive display and a plurality of input keys arranged on a scroll bar and corresponding to the plurality of aircraft cabin systems, the method comprising:

monitoring a subset of the plurality of aircraft cabin systems, selected by the user from among the plurality of aircraft cabin systems, in a main menu that includes a first system image showing status information for a first system of the plurality of aircraft cabin systems, and a second system image showing status information for a second system of the plurality of aircraft cabin systems, wherein at least the first system image is a spatial map of the aircraft cabin showing status information for the first system at different locations within the aircraft cabin;

activating one of said input keys corresponding to a first system of said plurality of aircraft cabin systems to display a first system graphical menu having status information and operating functions of said first system, wherein the first graphical menu can also be displayed by the user touching the first system image spatial map and can also be displayed as part of a predescribed succession plan or display sequence which automatically successively displays system graphical menus corresponding to the plurality of aircraft cabin systems;

touching a touch sensitive input area of said first system graphical menu to perform at least one of selection and control of said operating functions of said first system;

activating another one of said input keys corresponding to a second system of said plurality of aircraft cabin systems to display a second system graphical menu having status information and operating functions of said second system, wherein the second graphical menu can also be displayed by the user touching the second system image and can also be displayed as part of said predescribed succession plan or display sequence which automatically successively displays system graphical menus corresponding to the plurality of aircraft cabin systems;

touching a touch sensitive input area of said second system graphical menu to perform at least one of selection and control of said operating functions of said second system.

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Please replace Claim 11 with

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Claim 11: A method of monitoring and controlling a plurality of aircraft cabin systems using a user interface having a touch sensitive display and a plurality of input keys arranged on a scroll bar and corresponding to the plurality of aircraft cabin systems, the method comprising:

monitoring a subset of the plurality of aircraft cabin systems, selected by the user from among the plurality of aircraft cabin systems, in a main menu on said display, said main menu depicting first and second system images showing essential information representing a system status of respective first and second systems of said plurality of aircraft cabin systems, wherein at least the first system image is a spatial map of the aircraft cabin showing status information for the first system at different locations within the aircraft cabin;

activating one of said input keys corresponding to said first system to display a first system graphical menu having status information and operating functions of said first system, wherein the first graphical menu can also be displayed by the user touching the first system image spatial map and can also be displayed as part of a predescribed succession plan or display sequence which automatically successively displays system graphical menus corresponding to the plurality of aircraft cabin systems;

touching a touch sensitive input area of said first system graphical menu to perform at least one of selection and control of said operating functions of said first system;

activating another one of said input keys corresponding to said second system to display a second system graphical menu having status information and operating functions of said second system, wherein the second graphical menu can also be

displayed by the user touching the second system image and can also be displayed as part of the predescribed succession plan or display sequence which automatically successively displays system graphical menus corresponding to the plurality of aircraft cabin systems;

touching a touch sensitive input area of said second system graphical menu to perform at least one of selection and control of said operating functions of said second system.

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Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 3-3-2008 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent granted on Application Number 10/713,223 has been reviewed and is accepted.

The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. The examiner considered the Applicant's Amendment filed on 3-3-2008 and the Examiner's Amendment of 5-9-2008 and after updated search, no other prior art of record has taught that which was presented in the amended claims
3. Therefore, claims 1-20 are allowable.
4. Independent claims 1 and 11, when considered as a whole, are allowable over the prior art of record (Launey et al., Eriksson et al., and DeMers et al.).

Launey teaches a user interface system that uses a touch screen for monitoring and controlling different aspects of an environment (see column 2, lines 65 through

column 3, line 10 and column 4, lines 42-50); in column 12, lines 13-19, implementing the system in a aircraft. Launey further teaches the display area of the screen contains a plurality of labeled touch sensitive input keys, making a touch screen (see column 4, lines 42-50 and figures 12a-e). These touch keys include keys to control the audio, TV, lights, etc. (see figure 12A and column 55, lines 19-28). Launey further teaches, in column 55, lines 19-35 and figures 12a and 12b, a touch sensitive key of an audio system (for example) being pressed from the main menu screen (12a) causing the audio sub-menu screen (12b) to be displayed. Launey further teaches, in column 55, lines 29-35 and column 2, lines 65 through column 3, line 9, the audio sub-menu screen allowing a user to monitor and control the audio devices. Showing status for systems is pointed out by showing the amount of speakers (see figure 12B); and further pointed out for other optional sub-menus, in column 55, lines 42-48 and in figure 12D, displaying if a tape is in or not; and in figures 3I and 3K displaying whether a system is “READY TO ARM” or “ARMED”. Launey further teaches, in column 55, lines 29-35 and column 2, lines 65 through column 3, line 9, the audio sub-menu screen allowing a user to select and control the audio devices via a touch screen, and selectable sub-menu elements. Launey further teaches, in column 55, lines 19-28 and lines 49-60 and figures 12a and 12e, a touch sensitive key of a lighting system (for example) being pressed from the main menu screen (12a) causing the lighting sub-menu screen (12e) to be displayed. Launey further teaches, in column 55, lines 49-60 and column 2, lines 65 through column 3, line 9, the lighting sub-menu screen allowing a user to monitor and control the lighting devices. Showing status for systems is pointed out by showing the lighting

status and scenes (see figure 12E); and further pointed out for other optional sub-menus, in column 55, lines 42-48 and in figure 12D, displaying if a tape is in or not; and in figures 3I and 3K displaying whether a system is “READY TO ARM” or “ARMED”. Launey further teaches, in column 55, lines 49-60 and column 2, lines 65 through column 3, line 9, the lighting sub-menu screen allowing a user to select and control the lighting devices via a touch screen, and selectable sub-menu elements. Launey teaches, in column 2, lines 65 through column 3, line 9, controlling an monitoring different system in the aircraft environment.

Launey is further supplemented by Eriksson who further teaches a display unit for allowing a user to monitor and control multiple diverse aspects of a vehicles environment (climate, audio, etc.), via sub-menus (see column 2, line 66 through column 3, line 10), similar to that of Launey, but further teaches a normal key [30], which provides the display of status information for a plurality of system elements, specifically, in the example status images are provided, first a driver temperature, second a stereo volume, and finally a passenger temperature (see column 3, lines 10-25 and figure 4). Where the status elements act as controllable menus (see column 3, lines 60-67).

Launey and Eriksson are further supplemented by DeMers who further teaches a system for controlling various systems in an environment (temperature, lighting, etc.) via a menu and status display (see column 10, lines 20-34), similar to that of Launey and Eriksson, but further teaches displaying status information in the form of a spatial map of an aircraft cabin (see column 4, lines 2-16 and figure 1).

However, specifically the prior art of record fails to clearly teach or support the limitations of monitoring a selected subset of aircraft cabin systems in a main menu, including a spatial map of one of the cabin systems, where the cabin systems are selected from the set of all cabin systems displayed in a scroll bar. Wherein specific cabin system graphical menus can be displayed via any of: selecting one of the input keys of the scroll bar, touching a spatial map, or optionally be displayed as part of the predescribed succession plan or display sequence which automatically successively displays graphical menus.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DENNIS G. BONSHOCK whose telephone number is (571)272-4047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dennis Chow can be reached on (571) 272-7767. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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